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## Prohibition the Issue

Our county exchanges that declare division the issue instead of prohibition are much mistaken and their view point of the situation contracted to a very limited area. From all over the state comes the well authenticated word that the whiskey forces are organized and spending money as never before to send to the next legislature men who either favor license or out and out open barrooms everywhere. Prohibition is then most decidedly the war cry in the thirty-six counties that are now in the dry ranks. Add to their slogan the beseeching cry of the temperance people who are in the wet counties but are praying for relief and rescue, and one realizes that from the U. S. Senator down to the lowest county office to be filled only those candidates should be put into office whose records read right on this national wide demand of the hour. We need lawmakers in our national congress who will see to it that the states having voted prohibition are protected in their rights. We need in our state legislature men who will stand for state prohibition, sure to be brought before our next legislature. In our county officials we need sober, temperance men. You know which ones they are from U. S. Senator down. Do your full duty. It is a freeman's privilege to help his neighbor if in need. If your county is dry help your neighbor by sending prohibition legislators to Tallahassee.

## Why We Are Supporting Broward

It is hardly necessary for us to say at this late day that THE CHAMPION is most earnestly championing the cause of N. B. Broward for U. S. Senator. The Tallahassee Sun voices our sentiments when it says: He is beyond question better equipped to perform the public service for the benefit of all the people than anyone who is opposing him in his race for the senate. He should be elected, and I believe that he will be. He has put Florida into the Union by attending gatherings in other states and ably representing the state as governor. Prior to Broward's administration, Florida as a state was known as a health resort, and a place where turpentine and lumber were manufactured, phosphate dug and fruits and vegetables raised. During Broward's administration, the state was known among the sisterhood of states as an industrial state, and its voice heard and its influence felt in Federal affairs.

General Gilchrist has circulated the report that Stockton favored the keeping open of the saloons in Jacksonville on Sunday immediately after the fire. This Mr. Stockton proves untrue by the following letter:

COCKRELL & COCKRELL  
100 LAW OFFICE BUILDING  
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

MR. JOHN N. C. STOCKTON,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAR SIR:

My attention has been called to an article in the White Springs Herald whereby you are charged in effect with being in favor of one time of Sunday whiskey selling in Jacksonville. I recall distinctly the occasion referred to. The Mayor asked you and myself among others to advise him as to what he should do about the barrooms on Sunday. Up to that time for many years the rear door could be entered and liquor purchased on Sunday, but the flagrant procedure of two particular barrooms had incited the Mayor to ask advice. You expressed yourself clearly and forcibly that liquor selling on Sunday should not be allowed.

I recall this without

views. All who know you intimately know that you have been consistent on this subject.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. W. COCKRELL, JR.

The reason why it becomes imperatively necessary for us to send only prohibition men to the next legislature is because the whiskey interests have only to elect five men who will vote their way to kill state prohibition. To secure a constitutional amendment a three-fifths vote is necessary, and five new members together with those that are holdovers that vote with the whiskey crowd would defeat the measure. Vote for prohibition.

John D. Robertson, one of the progressive and most prominent citizens of Ocala, an old friend of this editor as well as of William Jennings Bryan, is a candidate for delegate to the national convention from this district. Let us all vote for him for he is a good man.—Punta Gorda Herald.

THE CHAMPION is first, last and all the time "against County Division" in any style, shape or form for a number of good and sufficient reasons. The advertisement of the "divisionists" in this week's paper is merely a sign that they have bought and paid for that much advertising space at political campaign rates.

We have received the explanation in rebuttal of Gus Morton's speech against Jno. N. C. Stockton published in a number of the State papers. The explanation makes Mr. Morton look very much like an unlimited prevaricator, and shows to what length some people are going to defeat Mr. Stockton for the Governor's office. THE CHAMPION would publish this explanation in full had we time and space. Should circumstances demand it we will give it in full next week.

A. J. Knight, of Tampa, is a favorite candidate for delegate to the National Convention at Denver whose announcement may be found in this paper. Mr. Knight is a member of the real estate firm of Hendry & Knight and a man prominent in Tampa business circles. He is a relative of the Knights of DeSoto county, and THE CHAMPION takes great pleasure in recommending him to our readers for he says he is for Bryan for President till all hope of his nomination has passed.

## Presbyterian Church

Rev. H. Keigwin, Pastor  
Services every Sunday, 11 a. m.  
and 7:15 p. m.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.  
Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday,  
7:15 p. m.

All are cordially invited to worship with us

The subject Sunday morning was,

## THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

And the text was Romans 7: 24-25  
"O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Having related the famous story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, who had a double life, sometimes a respectable citizen and again as a murderer, the analogy was drawn concerning the life of the average professing Christian who does not seem to aim at or even expect that his life shall be always consistent, but that to the end of his days be alternated by sinning and repenting. In other words, that the conflict described in the seventh of Romans is the normal condition of the Christian life. Paul, the inspired apostle on the other hand sounds the note of exultant deliverance from "this body of death."

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AN UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION  
And the discouraged soul must often exclaim, "O wretched man that I am."

a. It is a miserable slavery to have a law in the members warring against the law of the mind, and bringing the soul into captivity to the law of sin and death.

b. It is wretched to be in an uncertainty as to whether we are on the way to heaven. Sin always

destroys the blessed assurance of salvation and destroys the comfort of Christian life.

c. This half hearted life is unsatisfactory because it has in it just enough religion to keep us from enjoying to the full the pleasures of sin and just enough of sin to keep us from the enjoyment of a full salvation.

IT IS AN UNNECESSARY WRETCHEDNESS

It is but reasonable to suppose that the salvation of Christ cannot even now and here give deliverance from the power and dominion of sin just as really as it gives deliverance from the guilt of sin. In our text Paul thanks God for deliverance from the law of sin and death which he had previously declared was a law in his members warring against the law of his mind, and numerous other passages of scripture teach us "this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

If there are thousands of instances of deliverance from the drink habit by the power of God's Spirit it is safe to say there is not a sinful propensity of the human soul which cannot be overcome by the same omnipotent Spirit of God. It is not theory but fact. Thousands of Josephs there are in the world virtuous with an enthusiasm of virtue in the presence of Potiphers shameless wanton; Mary Magdalenes out of whom seven devils of sinful slavery have been cast; Stephens who have lovingly prayed for their murderers; low down thieves like Jerry McCauley, who have been made grand, honest workers for God. High tempered sows of thunder have become loving and beloved disciple Johns. What Jesus Christ has done for others he can and will do for any and all for he is no respecter of persons. "I can do all things," says Paul, "through Christ who STRENGTHENETH me."

## HOW CHRIST GIVES DELIVERANCE

a. By changing the affections and implanting a love for holy things which crowds out the inclination to sin.

b. By "strengthening us with might by His Spirit in the inner man," and

c. By so filling the soul with His Spirit that the intellect clearly perceives, the affections lovingly choose, and the will positively determines to live the life of blessed deliverance from sin and the soul conscious of an indwelling power, exclaims, "I thank God through Jesus Christ my Lord."

## THE UNCOMPROMISING CONDITION OF THIS VICTORIOUS LIFE

Is to make an unconditional surrender to Jesus Christ as LORD. To accept Him not only as Jesus, i. e. as Savior, but yield to Him as our Divine Master and Controller and confidently and lovingly give ourselves up to His will, as clay in the hands of the potter, to be moulded and used at His own sweet will. And when we give Him the full right of way in our bosom and in our lives, when He is enthroned as King in the soul, the old Adam nature

the old step we walk in "the liberty wherewith Christ maketh his children free."

And if now and here such a life of victory over sin is possible, if through the abundant provisions in the gospel the soul may emerge from the mixed and wretched condition of the seventh of Romans into the victorious condition described in the eighth chapter, are we not culpable of neglect of duty and living below our privilege if we do not permit "the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus make us free from the law of sin and death?"

# PURELY POLITICAL

OUR POLITICAL PENIL PUSHER GIVES SOME LIVELY THOUGHTS ON PROMINENT POLITICIANS

Governor Broward has sued the Tampa Tribune for \$50,000 for publishing and distributing the Hilson circulars that have been sent to the voters throughout the state within the last few days.

It is some satisfaction to the friends of Governor Broward that those who know him best say he will pay his debts. That if Hilson bought any clothes from the Governor it is pretty reasonably sure they are paid for yet unless the Governor has done it.

It is a noticeable fact that the majority of the papers opposing Broward and Stockton carry whistling advertisements. It is equally noticeable that with a few exceptions the papers supporting Broward and Stockton are free from this objectionable matter.

We hope the people who are commending L. Engle of the Tallahassee Sun, for his criticism of the Board of Internal Improvement for donating a large fee to Governor Jennings will be equally willing to take opinion on the candidates now running for office.

We see Wm. B. Lamar advertised as the winning candidate for U. S. Senate and Duncan U. Fletcher as the leading candidate for the same office. It will take the primaries to convince some of the supporters of the other candidates that these claims are true.

We would suggest that those papers which print Colonel Pepper's letter on temperance copy also the reply of Hon. J. N. C. Stockton as printed in this week's CHAMPION or at least make favorable mention thereof. This is only fair to Mr. Stockton and to temperance friends.

We regret to see the fight made on H. E. Carter, our worthy county clerk, who is one of the most conscientious public servants DeSoto county ever had and we think his opponent in charging him with misappropriations is making statements which he will find hard to prove.

For Brother Walpole: As the two Arcadia papers are opposing General Gilchrist, it may be inferred that they think he favors county division.—Punta Gorda Herald. We hadn't thought of it that way but suppose that is the reason the Punta Gorda and Wauchula papers are giving the General such hearty support.

There must be a mistake somewhere. It is impossible that Governor Broward said to so many prominent citizens, "I certainly appreciate what you have done and your vote for me, and if I can do anything for you, just let me know" for the disgruntled citizens that did not get what they went for is together out of proportion to the vote Broward got four years ago.

The news comes from Tampa that the Hilson circular which was published in that city and sent out to the voters has had the effect of winning many votes for Broward in that city and will doubtless have a like effect elsewhere. It is generally believed that the responsibility for these circulars lies at the door of his opponent, Wm. B. Lamar, who it is established Hilson with his paper at Milton since the campaign opened.

We are not justifying the Internal Improvement Board for the large extra fee they paid their attorney Ex-Governor Jennings, for we know nothing of the circumstances but every business man will recognize instances within his own knowledge where the employee would have been treated with great injustice if the strict letter of the contract had been adhered to. We especially object to the enemies of Governor Broward finding fault with him.

Even though the Governor not able to take care of himself we would be annoyed at the efforts of his political enemies to defeat him in the last days of the campaign for U. S. Senator. The charges brought against him by the Hilson circular are silly in the extreme. If they could be proven true there is no disgrace attached to them. Most everybody has been poor to be poor but it is very inconvenient. If the governor of Florida is in debt to Hilson for any of his clothes, we propose that his salary be increased. Our governor has eight daughters to be clothed and educated, and we can all guess what a hole alone would make in a \$5,000 salary. Governor Broward, of all men in Florida, is the least likely to be a family man.